

## News briefs

### Seeking witnesses

The Bitburg Polizei seeks information about a fatal accident June 11 on L-36, between Speicher and L-46.

About two hours prior to the accident, at around 4 p.m., a BMW was seen sliding around a curve nearly losing control. This occurred close to the location of the fatal accident scene. Polizei considers the operator of the BMW to be a witness to the road conditions.

The driver and any witness to the accident, are requested to contact the following agencies: Polizei at 06561-968523 or 52nd Security Forces Squadron Investigations at 0151-11668121.

### Postage increase

The military community can expect postage rates to increase from 34 to 37 cents, starting Sunday, said the United States Postal Service.

A three-cent star stamp, a non-denominational 37-cent stamp and the "Heroes of 2001" stamp will be available at all APO locations. The new 45-cent "Heroes of 2001" stamp will be used as First Class Mail rate of 37 cents, with the additional eight cents applied toward assisting the families of people injured or killed in the line of duty in connection with the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Post cards will increase from 21 to 23 cents and also included in the change is the maximum amount of a postal money order, increasing from \$700 to \$1,000. Finally, for Express Mail Military Service, the two-pound rate will be changed to a one-half pound rate of \$13.65. (By Vanessa Molina for U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)

### Changes of command

■The 52nd Communications Squadron change of command takes place Monday at 11 a.m. at the Airman Memorial Park. Lt. Col. Donald Hinkson, coming from Allied Command Europe, Kalkar, Germany, replaces Lt. Col. Christopher Moore, who becomes the new 52nd Mission Support Group deputy commander.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place in the Saber Club ballroom. A reception follows in the Spang Club at noon.

■The 52nd Mission Support Squadron change of command takes place Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Spang Club. Maj. Steven Johnson, coming from Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., replaces Lt. Col. Peter Ellis, who heads to Sacramento, Calif.

■The 52nd Medical Support Squadron change of command takes place Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the Saber Club. Lt. Col. Billy Cecil,

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# Eifel Times

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Airman 1st Class Karolina Gmyrek

### Charitable visit

Retired Lt. Gen. Michael D. McGinty, executive director of the Air Force Aid Society, speaks with a group of Key Spouses about phone cards and other AFAS benefits during his visit to Spangdahlem Air Base June 21. For more about his visit, see the story on Page 3.

## 388 Team Eifel NCOs selected for promotion

Compiled from staff reports

The Air Force selected 6,340 of 19,081 eligible technical sergeants, 133 from Spangdahlem Air Base, for promotion to master sergeant and 11,571 of 34,530 eligible staff sergeants, 255 from here, for promotion to technical sergeant.

This represents an overall 33.23 percent selection rate for the 02E7 cycle and 33.51 percent selection rate for the 02E6 cycle. The Spangdahlem Air Base rates are about 31 percent to master and 26 percent to technical sergeant.

*The following 133 NCOs from Spangdahlem AB and its geographically-separated units selected for master sergeant are:*

### 52nd Fighter Wing

Paul S. Burden, Henry B. Cummings, Thomas D. Koenig, Ruel M. Rafi, Tavia Y. Whitley and Kalista V. Wright.

### 52nd Logistics Group

Robert A. Byrd and Bennie R. Lowe.

### 52nd Logistics Support Squadron

Vincent L. Carter and Kevin A. Davidson.

### 52nd Component Repair Squadron

Terry Addleman, Glenn B. Burrell, Ernest D. Donohue, Eric R. Hannah, Lynn G. Martin, Todd W. Miller and Roger A. Speckine.

### 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Thomas Baldwin, Philip E. Brannock, Roy Cline II, Valentino Colasito, John W. Hall, Joann Hathaway, Christopher Howell, Noel Keck, Boyd Middlebrook, Joseph V.I. Pizzuti, Eugene Porto III, David J. Ross, Paul E. Sights and Larry D. VanIwarden.

### 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron (Provisional)

Brett A. Beckler, Robert M. Hughes, Theron J. Jones, Matthew M. Marshall, Timothy W. Schneek, Cassandra K. Sells, Dennis L. Smith Jr., Richard J.J. Wayman and David G. Wynes.

### 52nd Munitions Support Squadron, Kleine Brogel Air Base, Belgium

Patricia A. Wilson

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## Spangdahlem, RAF Mildenhall first in USAFE to restructure

### Maintainers transfer to newly-formed squadron among biggest change

By Capt. Dani Johnson  
USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Two U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases will reorganize to the new Air Force combat

wing structure in July.

The conversions of Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, and Spangdahlem Air Base, the first two in USAFE to do so, "are meant to help structure our organizations in a way that will give our units enhanced war fighting capabilities, more flexibility, and less turbulence," said USAFE Commander Gen. Gregory S. Martin.

USAFE's four remaining wings are expected to follow suit by October. Three of the major changes involved with the adoption of the new wing concept are:

All aircraft and space maintenance specialists will be reassigned to a newly created maintenance group.

Contracting squadrons, aerial ports and logistics readiness squadrons will transfer

into existing support groups, which will be renamed mission support groups.

A logistics readiness officer career field was created to include supply, transportation and logistics plans.

"I think (the new reorganization) does a better job of structuring our people to handle

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## Restructure

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what is most important for the Air Force if we are to continue to earn the immense respect our nation has for us," said Martin.

Martin said the new organizational structure is designed to give the operations group time to focus on the tactical and operational details of employing air and space power.

"At the same time, it will give the maintenance force an opportunity to create the synergy of effort that comes from having full and total responsibility for the war fighting systems and the people it takes to keep those systems ready," he said.

"Since 1999, our Air Force, at the direction of the Air Force chief of staff, has been engaged in a top-to-bottom review of our wing-level logistics processes," explained Col. Dave Gillett, director for headquarters, USAFE Logistics.

"This review, the Chief of Staff's

Logistics Review, generated many proposals to better align our logistics functions to support our expeditionary nature," said Gillett. "After careful evaluation of the proposals and test data, Gen. (John) Jumper (Air Force chief of staff) directed our wings to reorganize with a more functional focus."

According to Jumper, the mission support groups will have all the tools to be the body of experts that will know how to pack up a squadron-sized unit and deploy it halfway around the world.

"We may have unintentionally fooled ourselves into believing supply, transportation and logistics plans were primarily about maintenance and logistics," said Martin.

"In fact, these disciplines are and should be considered critical parts of our total mission support package.

"Log planners don't just move maintenance and operations, they

move the entire force," he said. "The people who supply our Air Force don't just supply operations and maintenance; they supply the entire force. The same holds true for transportation."

Under the reorganization, all mission support elements will fall under the mission support group commander who will have full responsibility for "protecting and sustaining our forces at home and for providing that same level of total support performance in deployed locations," said Martin.

The medical group will remain in its current configuration, keeping its focus on maintaining a fit and ready force.

"During the transition, we want to continue to focus on taking care of our people," said Gillett. "The opportunities abound for everyone to join in building a lean fighting machine at every one of our bases." (U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)

## Accidents

By John Keeler

52nd Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis

Twenty-two Team Eifel members experienced vehicle accidents in the past week, two of which were major.

The first accident was on a curve on B-50. An airman lost control of his vehicle slid sideways, crossed the opposing lane and rolled over. Investigation by security forces determined the major cause was speed too fast for conditions. The airman was taken to the Bitburg Annex Emergency Room where he was examined for possible injuries to his neck, back and wrist. The vehicle sustained damage to the windshield, driver and passenger windows and hood and roof.

The second involved a motorcycle on L-46 heading in the direction of Trier. Investigation by security forces determined the airman lost control of his motorcycle for unknown reasons. The accident is pending investigation. He was transported to the Bruder Krankenhaus in Trier for treatment for neck pain and a possible broken arm. The motorcycle sustained minor damage.

The 20 minor accidents involved:

- Two from backing.
- 12 from inattentive driving.
- Two parking lot related.
- Three animal stikes.

In addition, eight citations were issued, and the year's 24th charge for driving under the influence was given.

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coming from Kunsan Air Base, Korea, replaces Lt. Col. Kelly Wing, who heads to Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

■ The 81st Fighter Squadron change of command takes place Tuesday at 3 p.m. in Hangar 1. Lt. Col. Patrick Malackowski, coming from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., replaces Lt. Col. Mark Koechle, who heads to Air War College.

### Load crew competition

The 52nd Fighter Wing Weapons Load Crew of the Quarter competition takes place Wednesday in Hangar 1.

Competition begins at 7 a.m. with toolbox and equipment inspections, an academic test, and a dress and appearance inspection. The weapons loading demonstration begins at 8:30 a.m.

The 52nd FW Weapons Jammer Driver of the Quarter competition also takes place Wednesday in Hangar 1. Competition begins at 7 a.m. with a dress and appearance inspection, followed by the driving portion at 8:30 a.m. An awards ceremony for both events is the same day at 4 p.m. in Hangar 1.

### Base intranet

Members of the 52nd Fighter Wing can now create their own on-line announcement by visiting <http://intranet.spangdahlem.af.mil/bulletin/>. Announcements are now updated in less than half the time as before.

### Crime prevention tips

The 52nd Security Forces Squadron wishes to remind base members of a crime prevention tips to keep from being a victim of theft.

■ Don't leave electronic items in vehicles in plain view. Most thieves won't give vehicles a second glance if they don't see things they can quickly grab.

■ People who own expensive audio equipment should record the make, model and serial number. The German Polizei will not be able to return any

recovered merchandise without a serial number or other proof of ownership.

■ Park vehicles in a well-lighted area.

■ Always lock vehicles.

■ Report anyone suspicious to security forces. Get a good description and location of the person.

### No trespassing

Trespassing in and around the combat arms firing range is not only illegal, but hazardous due to gunfire. The combat arms ranges, buildings 604 and 605, are located on Perimeter Road by the Nature Trail. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Robert Hammond at 452-6287.

### Prepaid phone cards

DALLAS -- The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has awarded a new contract for an international prepaid phone card. The card is available for purchase. It offers customers a competitive rate, as well as the ability to place country-to-country calls.

This card offers competitive rates to the United States from Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium and United Kingdom. As an example of the new rates, all calls placed from Germany to the U.S. costs 5.5 cents per minute. The card will be available at most AAFES prepaid card vending machines and selected snack machines.

### Eifel Safety Camp

The 52nd Fighter Wing holds its fifth annual Eifel Safety Camp July 11-12 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Bitburg Middle School. Admission is free.

Fire prevention and animal, water, traffic and bicycle safety are just a few of the events planned.

Register children ages 6-12 by July 9 at the safety office located on the second floor of building 23.

Volunteers are needed to help at the camp. Participants earn "Battle of the Groups" points for their respective groups. For more information, visit the safety office or call 452-7233.



Staff Sgt. Karen Z. Silcott

### Promotion smiles

Newly-promoted Tech. Sgt. Treena Merk, 52nd Communications Squadron telephone systems craftsman, is congratulated by Chief Master Sgt. Ken McQuiston, 52nd Fighter Wing command chief master sergeant. Merk, who's been in the Air Force since August 1990, said she was overwhelmed when she was promoted under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program. "I was very surprised. I didn't even know my boss had put me in for it."

## Air Force Aid Society

# Helping Eifel members \$325,000 at a time

**Retired general visits base  
hoping to stir up support  
for service's official charity**

**By Staff Sgt. Cindy York**  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Because "everybody needs help every now and then," retired Lt. Gen. Michael McGinty wholeheartedly believes in the program he promoted during a visit to Spangdahlem Air Base this past week.

As executive director of the Air Force Aid Society, he's also concerned about the financial future of the program that in 2001 helped nearly 32,000 Air Force people and their families. According to McGinty, more than \$25 million of aid was distributed to people in need last year.

AFAS, which was created in 1942 by Gen. Henry "Hap" Arnold, is the official charity of the Air Force. Donations help provide assistance in three areas: emergency loans and grants, community enhancement and education programs.

McGinty, who retired from the Air Force in 1998, said it's important to get out to the bases to see what's needed.

### Helping Team Eifel

AFAS made a big impact on Team Eifel in 2001, according to John Costello, AFAS representative.

- \$119,000 loans or grants in emergency assistance for more than 200 Eifel members.
- More than \$100,000 in spouse tuition assistance - for roughly 100 people each term.
- \$12,000 for Give Parents a Break.
- More than \$10,000 for Childcare for PCS - a program that provides 20 hours of free child care for incoming and outgoing people.
- More than \$7,500 in child care payments so Eifel members could volunteer at various locations around the base.
- Twenty-three Eifel community members received \$1,500 grants for college from the H.H. Arnold Scholarship Fund - a total of \$34,000.
- \$35,000 for Bundles for Babies - a program which gives baby gifts to new and expectant Team Eifel parents.

"Just as when I was the director of personnel for the Air Force, I can't do my job from Washington, D.C.," he said. "I have to get out and talk to the troops to find out what they need. Things are different here than in the United States, there are different needs."

Needs in the Eifel community vary,

according to John Costello, AFAS representative for Team Eifel.

"The number one thing we do here is fix cars, the second is providing emergency assistance with loans or grants and the third is for basic needs," Costello said.

McGinty said he hopes not to cut into the programs that provided much-needed

assistance to blue-suiters, but since the markets are down, money is hard to come by.

"Market returns are important to us because they fund two-thirds of our expenses," he said.

In fact, only 4,000 people will receive \$1,500 college grants in the 2002-2003 school year because of funding constraints, as opposed to 5,000 in 2001.

That's what makes donations during Air Force Assistance Fund drives each year so important, McGinty said. Costello agreed.

During last year's AFAS drive, the Eifel community, including NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, donated \$76,000. However, the return was amazing, Costello said.

"More than \$325,000 was returned to our community that year," he said. "Who wouldn't invest \$76,000 to get a return of \$325,000?"

McGinty hopes to spread the good news story about AFAS to as many people as possible, so that more people might be helped.

"I have the best job in the Air Force," McGinty said. "I can look in the mirror every night knowing that another 100 people have been helped because of what Air Force Aid Society does."



## Promotion

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### 752nd Munitions Support Squadron, Volkel Air Base, Netherlands

Leo M. Blades, Johnny L. Bryant, Joe V. Morse Jr., and Timothy R. Rider.

### 852nd Munitions Support Squadron, Buechel Air Base, Germany

Orville A. Bernard, Robbin A. Rooney, Joseph M. Todd and Patrick T. Williams.

### 52nd Medical Operations Squadron

Keith D. Wright

### 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Tina M. Hillengass, Shawn D. Rickey and Donna M. Walle.

### 52nd Medical Support Squadron

Brian R. Livingston and Mary E. Phillips.

### 52nd Dental Squadron

Rhonda L. Hainey

### 52nd Operations Group

Scott R. Hestilow and Alan D. Tolksdorf.

### 52nd Operations Support Squadron

Billy R. Rankin, James K. Rice and Randall J. Smith.

### 22nd Fighter Squadron

Ronald E. Burch, Jeffery C. Finley, Cordell Hardge Jr., Michael J. Holly, Francis E. Lapierre, John W. Murdorf, John W. Rozell and Charles E. Sheriff.

### 23rd Fighter Squadron

Ezetta G. Bentham, William C. Howard, Douglas E. Spaltro, Bryan F. Ternay and Alexander J. Woida.

### 81st Fighter Squadron

Ralph B. Jones, Charles T. May, Robert R.I. Ryerson, Jeremy C. Simpson and Michael H. Smith.

### 606th Air Control Squadron

Glen Paul Belnavis, Kevin Gaskin, Ross E. Graves, Douglas A. Hall and Kurt T. Haupt.

### 52nd Services Squadron

Inok L. Antunes

### 470th Air Base Squadron, NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, Germany

Virginia E. Bailey, Steven M. Cox, Patricia Hayslett and Renita W. Patterson.

### 52nd Mission Support Squadron

Michelle V. Moreno, Diane J. Pierce, Janeen M. Polen and Paul A. Skelton.

### 52nd Security Forces Squadron

William L. Ealey, Steven C. Giffin and Ronald T. Waterman.

### 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron

Michael A. Heggem, Douglas J. Kenep, Kevin K. Kenyon, Robert F. Lovett,

Lindsay Montgomery, Malik T. Sultan, Robert E. Thompson, David M. Wilson and Edward Zimmermann.

### 52nd Communications Squadron

Harold F. Ayers Jr., Glenn B. George, Aaron T. Poeschel, Delaine Rogers, Kenneth Velez and Joshua W. Williams.

### 372nd Training Squadron, Detachment 922

William T. Perry and Kevin S. Peterson.

### Allied Forces Central

Timothy D. Hodge, Susan Scott, Cheryl L. Toner and Scott E. Urban.

### NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, AWACS Component

George C. Anthony, James D. Baker Jr., Paul E. Baranoski, Lonnie D. Blanton, Sonja K. Boike, Charles E. Carnagey, Michael N. Firth, Darryn L. Forrest, Daniel E. Granger, Gregory K. Hilsen, Michael J. Jones, Glenroy E. Matthias, Vito D. Milazzo, Duane T. Novak, Charles Sonnenberg and George P. Truini.

*The following 255 NCOs from Spangdahlem Air Base and its geographically separated units selected for promotion to technical sergeant are:*

### 52nd Fighter Wing

Samuel E. Afflick, Timothy W. Boltin, Jason L. Bray, Felix Marin Jr., Robert A. Moss, Quinzetta Patrick, Don A. Salvio, David W. Scott and Lisa Yarber.

### 52nd Comptroller Squadron

Ingrid R. Colbert, Jeanene T. Crawshaw and Denise G. Treaster.

### 52nd Logistics Group

Scott A. Flanders

### 52nd Logistics Support Squadron

Kimberly A. Cox, Walter L.J. Hogwood and Juan C. Santos.

### 52nd Component Repair Squadron

Daniel C. Buse, Jeremy L. Chrisman, George T.J. Granger, Francis Morrissey, Brian A. Myers, James M. Stanford, Raymond J. Steffens, Robert J. Tate Jr., Daniel G. Williams, Albert P. Yates and Ison A. Zibowsky.

### 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Anthony W. Bowie, William E. Bulock, William S. Crews, Jeremy A. Crawl, Jason S. Daniel, Carl G. Evans, Steven S. Glick, Kevin T. Hamblin, Grant R. Harris, Mark R. Mallonee, Partick R. Markey, Charles D. Simpson, Ronald A. Stuitts, Marcus A. Thomas, Chad D. Warren, James Woodburn and Anthony B. Workman.

### 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron (Provisional)

Robert A. Carman, Edward Christenson, Donald W. Greenwald, Kathlene Hathaway, Tonia Rybarczyk, Glen A. Strop, Raymond Y. Casas, Partick B. Clark, Ryan R. Helfenstein, Gary G. Leipert, Jaime Nieto, Michael A. Nurse, Micah C. Parks, Rippel Paul Pierce, Kevin A. Stanton, Esau Tuberville Jr., and Cynthia L. Wells.

### 52nd Munitions Support Squadron, Kleine Brogel Air Base, Belgium

Christopher Black, Jason Cruse, William C. Garner, Michael D. Griffith, Cristina G. Larios, Russell A. Norcross, Kevin J. Stewart and Christopher Winder.

### 752nd Munitions Support Squadron, Volkel Air Base, Netherlands

Steven D. Anastos, Scott J. Armstrong, Brian D. Brooks, Jennifer S. Ginn, Lawrence F. Jude, Timothy G. Madura, Jamison T. Meyer, Keith E. Nelson, Charles R. Price, Derrick M. Robinson and Jason Zettlemoyer.

### 852nd Munitions Support Squadron, Buechel Air Base, Germany

Joel P. Acang, Gary D. Beck Jr., Gregory D. Fuller, Christopher Greek, Paul C. Hagerty Jr., Joseph T.I. Kazimer, Matthew Montgomery, Arvell J.W. Pickens, Corey M. Wells and Dennis P. Woods.

### 52nd Medical Operations Squadron

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### 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Edith Fields and Michael C. Hoskins.

### 52nd Medical Support Squadron

Michael E. Alleyne, Stacie L. Pawa, Nathaniel Sugatan and Lorena Woolard.

### 52nd Dental Squadron

Terilyn U. Brannon, Kathleen A. Connell, Diana R. Jernigan and James S. Swihart.

### 52nd Operations Support Squadron

Pedro E. Gonzalez, Darryl D. Goodson, Eddie M. Labar Jr., Scott M. Maier, Arturo L. Ocampo, Aaron W. Renn, Gary J. Tompkins and Matthew A. Weeg.

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Victor Andrade, Elvin M. Calderone, Eric S. Duchin, Erik W. Gatson, Roy R. Giddens Jr., James L. Jones, Christopher Kelley, Ryan Larsen, Jarvis D. Moore, John T. Moose, James S. Mysliwski, Robyn L. Pearce, Glenn W. Rameres, Jeffrey L. Sentell, Willie I. Solsberry and Timothy L. Whisel.

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### 52nd Services Squadron

Kristen A. Lamphorn, Randall B. Reno, Curtis Darcy Savoy and John P. Ward.

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### 52nd Mission Support Squadron

Daniel A. Crawford, Ronnie G. Evans Jr. and Daniel R. Robison.

### 52nd Support Group

David D. Cash

### 52nd Security Forces Squadron

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### 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron

Jonathan H. Brown, Sandra R. Butler, Michael D. Colman, David D. Doerr, Sherman G. Dyer Jr., Carlton A. Francis, Randy L. Heidelberg, Kurt D. Kowaleski, Matthew T. McQuaig, Yvonne A. Nollmann, William J. Oakes, Allen J. Oldfather, Eric N. Owle, Robin L. Riley, Earnest Rockamore, Matt L. Sanders, Christopher Sparks and Carol J. Williams.

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## Community Mailbox

### SMS library

The Spangdahlem Middle School library opens each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children enrolled at SMS, as well as those enrolled at Bitburg Middle School, are able to check out books and use library resources. For more information, call Marlaine Newman at 452-7205.

### Travel guide

Panther Paws 2001-2002, a travel guide sponsored by the 81st Fighter Squadron Spouses Club, is now available at local exchange stores for \$10.

### Thrift shop

Penny Lane currently has transformers, clothes, furniture and baby items available. The shop is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and each first and third Wednesday every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Hummel Signing

An artist autographs Hummel figurines purchased at the Bitburg Main Exchange today and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### German-American club

The German-American Friendship Club annual picnic takes place Saturday at 3 p.m. at Bruch castle. Cost is 15 euro for adults and 7 euro for children, plus drinks. Call Gisela Traut at 06562-2464.

### Pet adoption

The veterinary clinic often has kittens, cats and other animals available for adoption. Call the clinic at 452-9388 for more information.

### Guam Liberation Day

A holiday celebration takes place July 13 at Donnelly Park on Ramstein Air Base. Call Joe Quitugua at 01708-919735 or e-mail



Airman 1st Class Karolina Gmyrek

### A Knight Inn the Eifel

Jacob Oakley, 2-year-old son of Staff Sgt. Patrick Oakley, 23rd Fighter Squadron, gets a chance to "Whack the Knight" at the Eifel Arms Inn Renaissance Fair Sunday. Around 100 people attended the event, which tied into lodging's theme of "A Knight Inn the Eifel" for this year's Air Force Innkeeper competition. The evaluation team visited Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex lodging facilities this week. Results of the evaluation are expected later this year.

quitugua@cmty.mail.26asg.army.mil for more information.

### European cowboys

People interested in forming a Spangdahlem Air Base rodeo team and participating in European Rodeo Cowboy Association events can call Staff Sgt. David Scott at 06565-934843 for more information.

### Summer reading

Spangdahlem Air Base library sponsors the youth summer reading program now through Aug. 16. Youth can register at the library.

The program features weekly reading contests and bi-weekly crafts. Youth who have read 25 or more books during the

summer earn certificates. Call the library at 452-6203 for details.

### Craft classes

The following classes take place in Spangdahlem Air Base building 189. Register at least one week prior to all classes by calling Craft Corner at 452-4141.

■ Basic stamping, July 9 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$10, plus supplies.

■ One-day tole painting, July 11 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$12, plus the cost of wooden cutouts.

■ Stamping techniques, July 17 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$10, plus supplies.

The following classes take place in Bitburg Annex building 2002.

■ One-day tole painting, July 9 from

5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$12, plus the cost of wooden cutouts.

■ Six-week quilting, July 15-Aug. 19 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$35, plus supplies.

■ Basic stamping, July 25 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$10, plus supplies.

### Scholarships

The Air Force Services Agency offers the Air Force Club Membership Scholarship to students of current club members. To qualify, applicants submit an essay of less than 500 words on how Air Force clubs help military traditions continue.

Base services officials will select two scholarship entries to compete at Air Force level. The prize is a \$5,000 scholarship. Submission deadline is July 15. Call the 52nd Services Squadron Marketing Office at 452-6466 for more information.

### Scouting news

Cub Scout day camp takes place Aug. 5-9 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Preist sportplatz. Activities include hiking, making crafts, marksmanship practice and more.

The event is open to boys entering first through fifth grades. Cost is \$50 for registered scouts and \$58 for non-scouting members. The fee includes a T-shirt and a patch. Registration deadline is Monday.

Activity managers seek camp volunteers 18 years and older. No experience is necessary. Permissive TDY has been used in the past and must be approved by unit commanders for active-duty members to participate. Call John or Larisa Kennedy at 06562-931258 for details.

### Picnics in the park

The Mothers of Preschoolers picnics in the park take place each Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. People can attend Tuesdays on the Bitburg Annex behind building 19 and Thursdays at Spangdahlem Air Base across from building 409. For more information, e-mail spangmops@yahoo.com or call the base chapel at 452-6711.

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# Viewpoint

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## OG outlook

## Integrity -- Are you a leader?

**Lt. Col. Greg Hoffman**

52nd Operations Group deputy commander for maintenance

Many have heard the Air Force's Core Values - Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do. These core values are fundamental and timeless.

With that in mind, I'd like to focus on integrity. According to Webster's dictionary, integrity is a firm adherence to a code or standard of values.

That makes sense in our Air Force today. We've all had the opportunity to learn that service in the Air Force comes with established expectations. These are defined in Air Force Instructions, by our duty supervisors, trainers, commanders, and in some cases, by plain common sense.

I am often given the task to review incidents that occur within our maintenance complex. Using data, we attempt to determine the root cause of maintenance problems to prevent future occurrences, much like the safety members do, but on a smaller scale.

Our Air Force expectations are that people will be forthcoming and see the value of providing the full story. This makes the root cause easier to identify; whether it is linked to individual training, policy or just an honest mistake. Because those involved had the integrity to come forward everyone benefits.

Having more opportunity than I need to discuss these events with my fellow maintainers across the

Air Force, I can honestly say that without exception, they all respect the individuals who come forward and admit their mistakes. For those who attempt to deflect the responsibility, they create the lasting impression on their character and integrity — one that is never easily removed.

While I've used my experiences in the maintenance complex to highlight some examples, integrity is fundamental to our entire Air Force. Everyone here at Spangdahlem Air Base has the opportunity to embody this ideal.

The Air Force says that integrity is the leader's most valuable asset. But whether you are a follower or a leader, integrity sets you apart as a member of the world's greatest Air Force.

## Support group perspective

## Teamwork -- bottom line for success

**By Lt. Col. Larry Laird**

52nd Security Forces Squadron commander

I once had a dog named Bob. He was a little dog, with a bobbed tail, red fur and kind of scruffy. He was probably a terrier mix of some kind, but back then as a kid growing up in the deep south, I didn't know that, he was just a dog. Better yet, he was my dog.

We hunted together all through my teen years, right up to the point when I joined the Air Force. It was then that I escaped from a potential future where growing soybeans would be the high point.

Don't get me wrong, there's nothing wrong with soybeans and farming, I just had something in me driving me to try something else.

Back to the dog ... Bob was great, he was my buddy and

understood me. He knew how to hunt better than anyone.

We made a great team -- Bob and I. When we'd go off hunting squirrels early in the morning, he would tree them and I would shoot them with my .22 rifle. (I know some folks don't like hunting, and I can only say to them that at least we ate what we shot.)

Anyway, we were a team, he did his part and then I'd do mine. If he let the squirrel get away, the critter would make it to the swamp and the hunt (for him) was over. If he treed the squirrel and I missed the shot, then I hadn't done my job. On those occasions, Bob would

generally look at me with a puzzled expression on his face like "What happened?" If we both did our part, then things clicked.

The 52 FW works a lot like that.

We all get up and go do something ... it doesn't really matter who it is or what they do ... civilian, military or spouse, we all do something and it all matters.

When we have a wing exercise, we all have a job to do, whether it means donning a gas mask, flying a jet or processing a travel voucher. Even being inconvenienced by the exercise is a part of it and the price of being who we are.

When things break down, it's usually because someone didn't hold up their end of the bargain, like Bob or I on a hunt. The effect is usually cumulative and generally tends to snowball into failure.

The funny thing is, the wing has repeatedly shown how well it can pull off real-world contingencies. What we have in front of us now, in addition to continued daily mission

success, is the challenge of showing others just how well we mesh as a team. We each need to pull our own load (and maybe just a bit more) and hit the mark when it counts.

What we have to do, if I may paraphrase someone else's comments, is "get our heads in the game." What that requires is partnership, responsibility and a willingness to push our game up another notch. We need to remember patience when we get delayed at the gate, if the lines at the commissary are a little longer, or customer service is backed up ... everyone plays and everyone wins.

And Bob, well he was run over while chasing a car some years ago, but only after living a full life and siring a lot of pups. Don't try to draw an analogy there, I just thought you might like to know.

## Direct Lines

### Gate traffic

**Q**uestion: Can the main gate be open to two lanes during morning shift change during exercises? It appears most of the base is trying to get to work by 6 a.m. and traffic is backed up in all directions.

**A**nswer: It is standard practice for the security forces to open multiple lanes at the main gate during the extended hours required for exercises.

Unfortunately, even with multiple lanes, the influx of people at the same time period, especially during contingencies, can cause delays in entering the base.

One thing everyone can do is use the shuttle! Another good practice is to plan ahead.

Knowing that an exercise may occur or has occurred should result in adjusting your arrival time or allowing a few extra minutes. I ask everyone to be patient and leave enough time to compensate for any possible problems.

### Speed Bumps

**Q**uestion: Since the barriers were put up in front of the Spangdahlem Air Base commissary, BXtra and post office, as a pedestrian, I have been within two inches of being hit by a car more times than I can count.

Even though people know what the speed limits are (16 kph or 10 mph in a parking lot according to Spangdahlem Air Base Instruction 31-204, para 3.27), they're always in a hurry. It's very hard to see past the 10- to 12-foot barriers.

As a driver, as well as a pedestrian, I feel that if temporary speed bumps were installed in the main areas of these facilities, that the possibility of someone being hit by a hurried driver would be minimized. What can be done? This situation is a major safety hazard and needs to be resolved before someone gets hurt.

**A**nswer: You are also absolutely correct with regards to the barriers obstructing one's vision. Much lower barriers or concrete planters will replace the existing barriers. This solution should improve the visibility for all. In the meantime, all pedestrians and vehicle operators should continue to exercise extreme caution when negotiating the barriers located across the base.



## Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless indicated. More synopsis information is available at [www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp](http://www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp).

**Bitburg Castle****Today***Unfaithful (R)*

Starring Richard Gere and Diane Lane. Ed and Connie Sumner are a perfectly happy suburban husband and wife. But when Connie begins an affair with a young Manhattan man, Ed hires a detective to trail her. One thing leads to another and Ed has murder on his hands. (Sexuality, language and violence.)

**Saturday***Star Wars: Episode 2 (PG, 3 p.m.)*

Starring Ewan McGregor and Natalie Portman. Ten years after the events of The Phantom Menace, not only has the galaxy undergone significant change, but so have our familiar heroes Obi-Wan Kenobi, Padmé Amidala and Anakin Skywalker as they are thrown together again for the first time since the Trade Federation invasion of Naboo. Anakin has grown into the accomplished Jedi apprentice of Obi-Wan, who himself has transitioned from student to teacher. The two Jedi are forced to protect Padmé whose life is threatened by a faction of political separatists. As relationships form and powerful forces collide, these heroes face choices that will impact not only their own fates, but the destiny of the Republic. (Sci-fi action, violence.)

*Star Wars: Episode 2*

**Sunday***Unfaithful***Closed Monday and Tuesday****Wednesday***Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron (G)*

Animated. A wild and rambunctious mustang stallion, Spirit, journeys through the untamed American frontier. Encountering man for the first time, Spirit defies being broken, even as he develops a friendship with a young Lakota brave. The courageous young stallion also finds love with a beautiful paint-mare on his way to becoming one of the greatest unsung heroes of the Old West.

**Thursday***Unfaithful***Spangdahlem Skyline****Today***Star Wars: Episode 2 (7 and 10 p.m.)***Saturday***Panic Room (R)*

Starring Jodie Foster. Trapped in their New York brownstone's panic room, a hidden chamber built as a sanctuary in the event of break-ins, newly divorced Meg Altman and her young daughter Sarah play a deadly game of cat-and-mouse with three intruders - Burnham, Raoul and Junior - during a brutal home invasion. But the room itself is the focal point because what the intruders really want is inside it. (Violence and language)

*National Lampoon's Van Wilder (R, 10 p.m.)*

Starring Ryan Reynolds and Tara Reid. Van Wilder might be starting his seventh year at Coolidge College, but graduation is the furthest thing from his mind. Armed with a personal assistant and a coterie of admirers, Van has reached the status of living legend on campus, throwing bashes that make geeks popular, raising money for charity and generally "inspire the uninspired." But when Van's father refuses to pay any more of his son's tuition bills, Van must turn to party planning for profit in order to continue living in under-graduate bliss, thereby becoming the subject of an exposé by disapproving school journalist Gwen Pearson. What begins as a clash of wills, however, soon leads to unexpected romance as Van and Gwen both realize they have a lot to learn from each other. The only problem: Gwen's self-obsessed, frat house boyfriend, Richard, who's determined, at any cost, to put a stop to Van's rule as campus king. (Strong sexual content, gross humor, language and some drug content.)

**Sunday***Star Wars: Episode 2 (3 and 7 p.m.)***Monday***Panic Room***Tuesday***Star Wars: Episode 2***Closed Wednesday and Thursday**

Times and movies are subject to change.  
For the most current information,  
call 452-9441.

# BASH promises fun for everyone

By Julie Speegle

52nd Services Squadron Marketing Office

The BASH, or Big Annual Summer Happening, is back for its 46th year at the historic Bitburg French Caserne Thursday through July 7. The BASH is an annual festival organized and hosted by the 52nd Services Squadron for the entire Eifel community, including local national hosts.

"We operate on the theme that everyone is welcome," said George Price, BASH director. "We are expecting between 35,000 and 45,000 people to attend this year."

For those who've never been to the BASH, it's a treat. The services squadron has lined up four days of food, fun and entertainment, plus great prize giveaways. The festivities begin Thursday at noon with rides. Bingo begins at 2 p.m., while karaoke and T-shirt giveaways take place 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

Because the BASH is also an American celebration of independence, it features a spectacular fireworks display. This year the 25-minute pyrotechnic display takes place Thursday at 10:30 p.m. off base, directly across from the Spangdahlem Middle School.

The second annual BASH bazaar opens its doors July 5 at noon with more than 20 vendors from all over Europe. Many of these vendors have never sold their wares in the Eifel before.

The BASH bazaar, which will be located in the Bitburg Annex fitness center gymnasium, is open July 5 and 6, noon-9 p.m. and July 7, noon-6 p.m. It is open to U.S. ID cardholders only.

People can also try their skills with sumo suit wrestling each day from 2-5 p.m., or any number of BASH games. Friday night is country and western night with a performance by the dance group "The Outback" at 7 p.m., followed by the band "Oakley" from 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m.



File photo by Senior Airman Michelle S. Roquid

The fireworks display is among the most popular of BASH events. This year's fireworks take place Thursday at 10:30 p.m., off base across from the Spangdahlem Middle School.

Festival goers get reduced prices on rides July 6 and 7 from noon-2 p.m. Ride tickets purchased at the discount price will only be honored during the reduced ride timeframe. Parents are advised to accompany their children on the rides, and be sure rides are age appropriate to ensure safety.

The July 6 entertainment schedule includes four separate performances by an Indian dance group (2, 3:30, 5 and 6:30 p.m.), plus face painting and a disc jockey playing rhythm and blues tunes from 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

Entertainment for July 7 is family-oriented. Children can meet Scruff McGruff, the Crash Test Dummies, Sparky the Fire Dog and a clown.

At 4 p.m., the entertainment turns exotic as a middle eastern dancer takes the stage.

Beginning at 6 p.m., the big prizes will be given away inside the entertainment tent. Prize items include a digital video camera, digital camera, DVD player, cell phone and portable computer hard drive.

Tickets for a chance to win other prizes will be passed out at the BASH fairgrounds during the festival. Winners must be present to win. Winners are not limited to ID cardholders.

After the big prize giveaways, get ready for a crash course on Salsa y Merengue dancing, 7:30-8 p.m. A Latin DJ plays a mix of salsa music for dancing. The BASH wraps up at midnight.

Here are a few helpful hints for festival goers:

- No parking will be allowed in the BASH area, so it is strongly recommended to leave cars at home and either walk or use the shuttle bus service.
  - No pets, large backpacks or bicycles will be allowed in the fairgrounds.
  - Remember, the Eifel weather can change quickly, so dress accordingly.
  - Both dollars and euros will be accepted at the BASH.
  - Remember to put the safety first.
- For more information, call Price or Tami Schneider at 452-6767.



(Note: Events are subject to change at short notice. If you want to double-check on an event prior to attending, call the telephone information office at 11833 and ask for a number to the tourist office in the town the event takes place. Tourist office agents, who usually speak English, can tell you whether an event was canceled.)

■Flea markets take place July 7 inside the Cloister Machern, located near Zeltingen-Rachtig; inside and outside the Bitburg Flugplatz Hall; on Trier-West Hornstrasse; at the Idar-Oberstein Handelshof and at

the Daun Café Classico.

■Flea markets take place July 14 in front of the Schweich Edeka market; at the Trier Messeplatz grounds; in front of the Gerolstein Hit market; inside and outside the Bernkastel Gueter hall and inside and outside the Daun Forum hall.

■Flea markets take place July 21 at the Bitburg Hela parking house; in Bollendorf, in front of the Kenn Wal-Mart; in the Wittlich Extra market parking lot and along the Zeltingen-Rachtig Mosel shore.

■Idar-Oberstein hosts a Spiessbraten festival today

through Tuesday.

■The German-American friendship club holds its annual picnic Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Bruch castle. Cost for all-you-can-eat is 15 euro for adults and 7 euro for children. Drinks are not included. For more information, call Gisela Traut at 06562-2464 after 5 p.m. or send an e-mail to [gisela.traut@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:gisela.traut@spangdahlem.af.mil).

■Rittersdorf hosts a castle festival Saturday, featuring an arts and crafts and flea market as well as a variety of entertainment events.

■Aida, the opera by

Giuseppe Verdi is performed today at 9 p.m. at the Koblenz Ehrenbreitstein castle.

■The 9th International Pruem Valley Run takes place Saturday in Irrel. For details, call 06525-520.

■Cochern hosts a medieval market Saturday and Sunday.

■Tal Total is a traffic-free bicycling day Sunday between Bingen and Koblenz and Lahnstein and Ruedesheim.

■The town of Pruem sponsors a musician street festival Sunday in the center of town.

## Out and about





Iris Reiff

An American shopper at the annual Roth an der Our flea market checks out a tablecloth. This year's flea market takes place July 7.

## Flea market offers traditions

By Iris Reiff  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The Volunteer Fire Department of Roth an der Our, located near Vianden invites base members to the annual flea market July 7.

The event has become quite popular over the past years, drawing crowds of visitors from both Germany and the Benelux countries.

At the Roth "Original Eifel Flea market," as the community calls it, people can find rarities, reaching from antique furniture to ancient household items. Also, arts and crafts made out of copper and tin, old jewelry, toys and much more. Organizers are especially interested in offering visitors ancient quality merchandise, which cannot be found anywhere else. Traditional Eifel food specialties are cooked on ancient stoves in front of people at the market. One favorite is "potato pads."

A special children's flea market will have

items for little cost. A children's jumping castle should add to the fun.

For the first time this year, the Roth flea market takes place along the Our river in an area called "Auf dem Grueth." Firemen will direct people to the parking area. There's a small entry fee to the market. The money goes towards maintaining culture in Roth an der Our.

Roth is a small community with a history of more than 800 years. It has an abbey and castle, which might eventually be opened up to the public.

Vianden, a very attractive and touristic town is located adjacent to Roth, in Luxembourg. A lift up to the Oranienburg castle makes an exciting excursion.

Vianden is a walled city, offering lots of culture and great museums.

The market takes place between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.



Tech Sgt. Dave Ahlschwede

### Best biker

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy -- Dave Overstreet, a Middle school physical education teacher from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, completes lap two of three during race three of the U.S. Forces Europe Mountain Bike Series on June 15. Overstreet competed in the men's civilian senior category and finished with the day's best overall time of one hour, four minutes and 30 seconds.

## Eifel Sports World

### Lady Sabers successful again

The Lady Sabers had another successful weekend by sweeping a doubleheader from Baumholder this past Sunday.

In the first contest, the Sabers waited until the third inning before the bats came to life. Led by outfielder Val Gilbert and first baseman Robin MacCubbin, each going two for three, the Sabers erupted for seven runs to ice an 11-2 victory. Kristen Carrington and Sarena Paulson also chipped in with two hits each.

Game two started messy and finished just as messy as the Sabers fell into an offensive deep sleep. Neither team really stepped up to the challenge, but the Lady Sabers were able to piece together a few hits to win a battle of lackluster offense 5-2. Again, Carrington was the big hitter with a three-run homerun that sealed it for the Sabers.

Pitching by Leslie Brandt and outfield play by Xena Vestal and Gilbert supported by a flawless infield kept Baumholder at bay.

The Lady Sabers have several make up games but have mostly finished the regular season. The next big event is the Summer Slam at Heidelberg the end of July.

The Lady Sabers are off to Lakenheath Aug. 26-31 to defend the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Championship crown they won last year.

### Men's varsity on a roll

The men's varsity softball team extended it's winning streak to 10 games during this past weekend. The team hosted Hanau Saturday, sweeping the two-game series, winning 26-14 in the first game and 27-14 in the second.

Leading the Sabers' offense were Chuck Nimmo and Josh Williams, batting seven for eight and five for five respectively.

The team traveled to Baumholder Sunday and completed a weekend sweep, winning 16-12 and 13-10. AJ Oldfather led the Sabers in hitting going seven for eight with six runs batted in.

With the win streak, the men have improved to 24-6 on the season. They're not scheduled to play until July 14 at Rhein-Main, followed by the third major tournament of the year, Heidelberg's Summer Slam July 26-28.

### High school workouts

For those high school students wanting to work out, the Bitburg high weight room, gym and track will be open each Monday through Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m. Coach Rik Carr or another Bitburg High School coach will be there to monitor all workouts. Fall sports participants should plan to take part.

For more information, call Carr at 06561-2020.

### Fitness center closure

The Bitburg Fitness Center will be closed Monday through July 9 for the BASH. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Andy Flores at 452-6361.

### Youth sports

Youth sports is looking for coaches and officials for the upcoming soccer and flag football season. Call Tom Gilbert at 452-7545.

### BASH fun run

The second annual Bitburg Breakaway 5K Fun Run kicks off the BASH Thursday at 11 a.m. The course consists of two laps through Bitburg Annex housing and ends at the fitness center.

For more information, call the fitness center at 452-6361.

### Volunteers needed

The fitness center needs 10 volunteers to help with the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Cycling Series Race Saturday.

The fitness center also needs volunteers for the BASH fun run Thursday.

To volunteer for either event, call Senior Master Sgt. Andy Flores at 452-6361.